

EISENBERG CLOTHING STORE

AL-VI-B-108  
Jackson Street, Lonaconing  
1882

The Eisenberg Clothing Store was constructed in 1882, the year after the great fire of Lonaconing. It is a two story brick building with what was once a typical 19th century commercial store front. Along with two other stores in Lonaconing also located on Jackson Street, Eisenbergs provided the Town of Lonaconing with clothing material and other dry goods.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Eisenberg Clothing Store

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Jackson Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER

Am. Legion

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Legion Home, Lonaconing, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Jackson Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21539

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Eisenberg Clothing Store is located on Jackson Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County.

The Eisenberg Clothing Store is a two story, four bay wide, rectangular building that is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond. The building rests on a low stone foundation and has a flat roof that has been covered with tin. The ground level has been partially covered with a new wooden facade. A new entrance and an oval window have also been added, and both are topped by a small bracketed cornice. A second entrance with recessed gothic arched panels and a transom light is also located on the main facade. It is flanked by a window with a double hung, wooden sash frame with two over two lights. Both the window and the door have hoodmoulds with keystones. Windows on the second floor are also double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights and hoodmoulds with keystones. The facade is crowned by a bracketed cornice with a cross gable in which the date "1882" is emblazoned.

A two story addition constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond abuts the main block on its western side. The ground level has also been covered with a wooden facade. The main entrance has been replaced. Windows on the ground level have also been replaced with two oval windows similar to the ones located on the main block. The entire first floor facade is topped by a dentilated and bracketed cornice. On the second story windows are double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights and semi-circular arches. Located above the windows is a row of recessed paneling topped by a dentilated cornice. The building extends above the cornice in the affect of a roof ballustrade. A single corbeled brick chimney is located in the interior of the main block.

The Eisenberg Clothing Store is in fair condition; however, the commercial shop fronts have been greatly altered.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On September 7, 1881, the Town of Lonaconing suffered its worst fire in decades. The blaze started in a stable and in three hours fifty three buildings had burnt to the ground. As a result of the fire, the majority of the town was rebuilt during the last decade of the 19th century.<sup>1</sup>

The Eisenberg Clothing Store was constructed in 1882, the year after the great fire. Along with Price and Rosenbaums and Ternents, Eisenbergs provided the Town of Lonaconing with clothing, material and other dry goods.

<sup>1</sup> Stegmaier, Jr., Harry; Allegany County - A History; (Parsons, West Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 253

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

3/14/77

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

507 National Highway

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

LAVale,

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

DATE: February 10, 1977

Less than 1 acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Eisenberg Clothing StoreLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Jackson Street, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SouthwestNAME OF OWNER: Legion Home, Lonaconing, Inc.ADDRESS: Jackson StreetLonaconing, Maryland 21539STORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(☒) 4( ) 5(☒) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
(☒) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 3/1  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2(☒) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged (☒) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Southwest

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Arch & KeystonePaneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, WAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Dentilated entablature

original( ) replaced( ) Rafter ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANGARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE( ) CORBELED(☒) original(☒) replaced( )LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

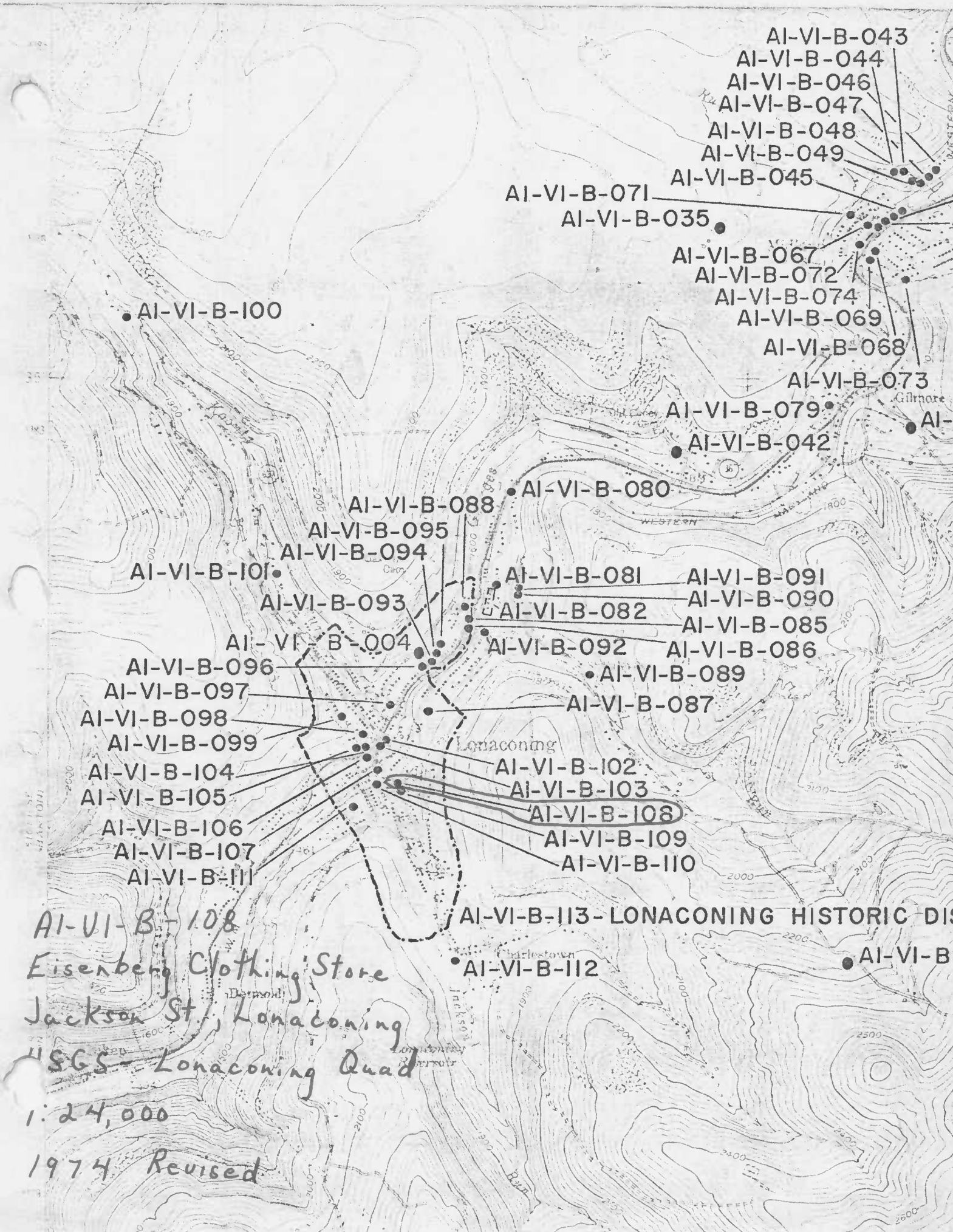
COMMENTS:

Use - Clothing Store/Eisenberg

Significance - Architecture &amp; Commerce

Date Constructed - 1882/original deed found in liber 57, folio 439

Condition - Fair



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Eisenberg Clothing Store

Jackson St., Lonaconing

USGS - Lonaconing Quad

1:24,000

1974 Revised





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Eisenberg Clothing Store

Jackson St., Lonaconing

2/10/77

John E. Nelson

North



A1-V1-B-108

Eisenberg Clothing Store

Jackson St., Lonaconing

2/10/77

John E. Nelson

East